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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ national stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCREENING A POTENTIAL CUSTOMER AND
ASSIGNING AN ACCOUNT NUMBER TO THE POTENTIAL CUSTOMER
ACROSS A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on as ☐ Serial No. or ☐ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known and was amended on (if applicable).
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. and as amended under PCT Article 19 on (if any).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- ☒ which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56
- ☒ and which is material to the examination of this application namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.
- ☒ In compliance with this duty there is an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 herein attached.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- ☒ No such applications have been filed.
- ☐ Such applications have been filed as follows:

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
(34 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(3) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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FILING DATE

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- ☐ The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

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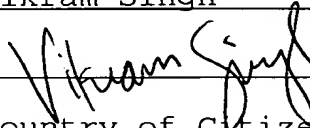
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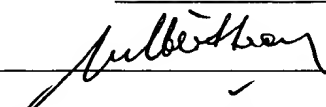
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